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Attorney General John Ashcroft 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Sincerely.

The purpose of this correspondence is to congratulate you on your decision to settle the Microsoft antitrust case. This conflict has cost you and Microsoft time and resources that can now be used for other priorities.

Outside special interests with an extreme anti-Microsoft bias are seeking to undermine this settlement. This is regrettable because the settlement will create a more fair and open technology sector of our economy. Microsoft has agreed to offer more information to competitors so they will be able to create more competitive software. Microsoft will also make it easier for competitors to place software on MS systems in the future. A technical committee that includes a permanent government monitor will enforce all provisions of the settlement.

If the settlement goes through Microsoft and the Justice Department will be relieved of the burdens of this case. I feel it is necessary for you to resolutely support this settlement to ward off elements that have no interest in seeing this case settled.

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